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Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject patent application are respectfully requested.

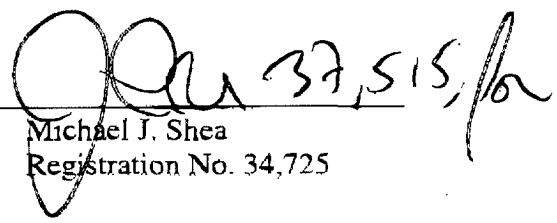
The above amendments were discussed with Examiner Mai during a telephone conference on November 5, 2003. Applicants request that claim 6 be reinstated in this application because it includes all the limitations of an allowable generic claim.

The pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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